



**HAWAIIAN ISLANDS LAND TRUST'S TESTIMONY
IN OPPOSITION to Bill 15, CD2 FD1-Ozawa**

Meeting Date: June 1, 2016
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Aloha e Chair Martin, Budget Chair Kobayashi, and City Council Members,

Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (HILT), a non-profit land conservation organization, strongly supports the preservation of Kānewai Spring through the City and County of Honolulu's Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund for the benefit of our community. Kānewai Spring is a life-giving source of water for many fish and wildlife species, it feeds Kānewai Fishpond, Paikō Wildlife Sanctuary, and Maunalua Bay. It is a sacred site for Hawaiian culture and is important to the O'ahu community, residents of our state, and all who visit Hawai'i.

Thus, **HILT strongly opposes the suggested amendment to delete the funding under the proposed draft FD1 and urges the City Council to keep Clean Water and Natural Lands funding in the budget for the protection of Kānewai Spring** as was recommended by the Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,



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